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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PUERTO RICO OF FORMER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT
ROMULO BETANCOURT

REF: TELFORD/O'ROURKE TELCON 2/27

1. FORMER PRESIDENT BETANCOURT WILL VISIT PUERTO RICO 3/3-3/9/78.
ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC THREATS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AGAINST MR BETAN-
COURT, THERE IS GENERAL CONCERN FOR HIS SAFETY DUE TO RECENT
VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST VENEZUELAN INTERESTS BY CUBAN EXILE GROUPS.

2. MR BETANCOURT'S ARRIVAL WILL BE ADVANCED BY THE CHIEF OF
HIS PERSONAL PROTECTION BRANCH, MAJOR EDWARD POCATERRA AND
DEPUTY, MR RAUL ARISTIGUIETA. HE MAJOR SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS
ENGLISH; HOWEVER, HIS DEPUTY SPEAKS LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH. BOTH
ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAN JUAN AT 2030 HRS 28 FEBRUARY
VIA PAA 960 FROM CARACAS. THEY WILL BE ARRIVING WITH THE
FOLLOWING FIREARMS: ONE SW .38, SN-104J76 AND ONE
BROWNING 9 MM 116863. BETANCOURT WILL PERSONALLY CARRY ON
ARRIVAL ONE SW .38 SN 385 PL CTG.

3. BOTH ADVANCE SECURITY PERSONNEL HAVE RESERVATIONS IN THE
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CARIBE HILTON HOTEL WHERE THEY COULD BE CONTACTED IF MISSED
AT THE AIRPORT. DUE TO THE WEAPONS THEY ARE CARRYING AND
SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR MEET AND ASSIST, EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

4. FYI-MAJOR POCATERRA IS CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF MAJOR BAJARES.
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